

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER THE POLACCA WATER SYSTEM HAS LEVEL OF ARSENIC ABOVE THE DRINKING WATER STANDARD**

The Polacca water system recently violated the drinking water standard for arsenic. Although what this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received show that our system exceeds the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for arsenic. The standard for arsenic is 0.010 milligrams per liter (mg/L) or 10 parts per billion (ppb). Arsenic in the Polacca water system was found at 0.017 mg/L -West Well# 8 and 0.014 mg/L -East Well #5 for the month of July 2015.

Arsenic in the drinking water can come from the erosion of natural deposits, runoff from orchards, or glass and electronic production waste.

#### **WHAT SHOULD I DO?**

You do not need to use an alternative water supply, such as bottled water. If you have specific health concerns, please consult your local health provider.

#### **WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?**

This is not an immediate risk. If had been, you would have been notified immediately. Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

#### **WHAT IS BEING DONE?**

Polacca water system will be tied into the Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project (HAMP). The source wells for the HAMP have, and are expected to have, arsenic levels below 10ppb. Construction of the first phase of the HAMP, which will tie in the Polacca water system, is presently expected to be completed by the calendar year 2015. Once the Polacca water system is tied into HAMP, the arsenic exceedance should be resolved.

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Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in school and businesses).

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